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1. Elkhovo, a district center located 30 kilometers south of Yambol, has a population of 10,000-12,000. The Tundzha River passes through the western part of Elkhovo, but is unnavigable for commercial and transportation purposes. The city has three main streets eight meters wide; other streets are narrow and uneven. The Yambol highway goes through Elkhovo as Georgi Dimitrov Street.

2. [redacted] electricity for the city is furnished by the Maritsa Central, another said that electricity is supplied by Dimitrovgrad. There is no electricity for private consumption the greater part of the day; in the morning only government enterprises may use electric power. The current is 220 volt, alternating current.

3. Gara Elkhovo, the railroad station, is located in the northwest part of the city; its freight and passenger depots are located in the same building. The station is a yellow, 2-story structure, 15 x 6-7 meters in size; it is not enclosed by a railing of any sort. A line of poplar trees marks the railroad's course for approximately one kilometer on its way to Yambol. Trains are made up of both freight and passenger cars. [redacted] trains leave for Yambol at 5:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. and arrive from Yambol at 8:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 8:00 p.m.; [redacted]

- a. Leave Elkhovo at 6:10 a.m., arrive Yambol at 8:00 a.m.;
- b. Leave Elkhovo at 3:00 p.m., arrive Yambol at 5:00 p.m.;
- c. Leave Yambol at 12:00 noon, arrive Elkhovo at 1:40 p.m.; and
- d. Leave Yambol at 7:00 p.m., arrive Elkhovo at 8:00 p.m.

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4. Rabotnichesko Delo is one of the four newspapers published in Elkhovo. There are three churches in the city, two of which are the Sveti Dimitur in the northern section and the Sveta Nedelya in the southern section. There are no parks; there is a memorial monument located on Georgi Dimitur Street. Buildings on the main streets are side by side, mostly 2-storied; on other streets most houses are surrounded by lawns and gardens. The government hospital has one 3-story and two 2-story buildings.
5. There are bunkers surrounded by barbed wire entanglements approximately one meter high and 3/4 meter wide at the following locations:
 - a. In the vicinity of Sitovo village, 20 kilometers south of Dobrich village, 10 kilometers north of the border in Elkhovo district;
 - b. Two bunkers on both sides of the highway crossing south of Malko Sharkovo;
 - c. On the slopes of the hill 500 meters west of Malko Sharkovo;
 - d. One bunker 400 meters north of Durta Bayir (sic);
 - e. Two bunkers 2-3 kilometers southwest of Malko Sharkovo village in the Porus area; and
 - f. Four bunkers 2-3 kilometers southwest of Malko Sharkovo village in the Chalbaba area.
6. Military barracks were constructed in the southern part of Elkhovo in 1949 by carpenters and youth brigades from the neighboring villages.
7. An underground shelter is located 30 meters west of the highway south of Malko Sharkovo.

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